



Utah's Predator-Control Incentive Program

Learn more about how to participate

In early 2012, the Utah Legislature passed the Mule Deer Protection Act. This new law directs the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to reduce coyote populations for the benefit of mule deer.

This year, in addition to maintaining an aggressive predator-management policy, the DWR is implementing a general coyote-control program that provides incentives for members of the public to remove coyotes. Participants in this new program will receive \$50 for each properly documented coyote that they kill in Utah.

When does the program begin?

You may register for the general coyote-control program starting July 1, 2012. There are no restrictions on removal dates after the program has begun, but reimbursements will not begin until after Sept. 1, 2012.

How to register for the program

To register and receive compensation for coyote removal, you must follow the program rules and guidelines. Specifically, you must:

1. Complete online training and registration at wildlife.utah.gov/predators.
2. Present the coyote and the properly filled out compensation form to the DWR. The compensation form must include the GPS location where the coyote was taken, the identity of the person who took it, and the date of removal.
3. Check in a full pelt (plus the lower jaw) or a full carcass. Coyote ears will be marked by the DWR to prevent double payments. Disposal of carcasses is the responsibility of the program participant.
4. Check in coyote pelts and carcasses only at designated sites and on designated days and times.
5. Follow all rules and regulations related to trapping and firearm use, as detailed in the 2012–2013 Utah Furbearer Guidebook and the Predator-Control Incentive Rule R657-64, Utah Code and local law.
6. To learn more, visit wildlife.utah.gov/predators.

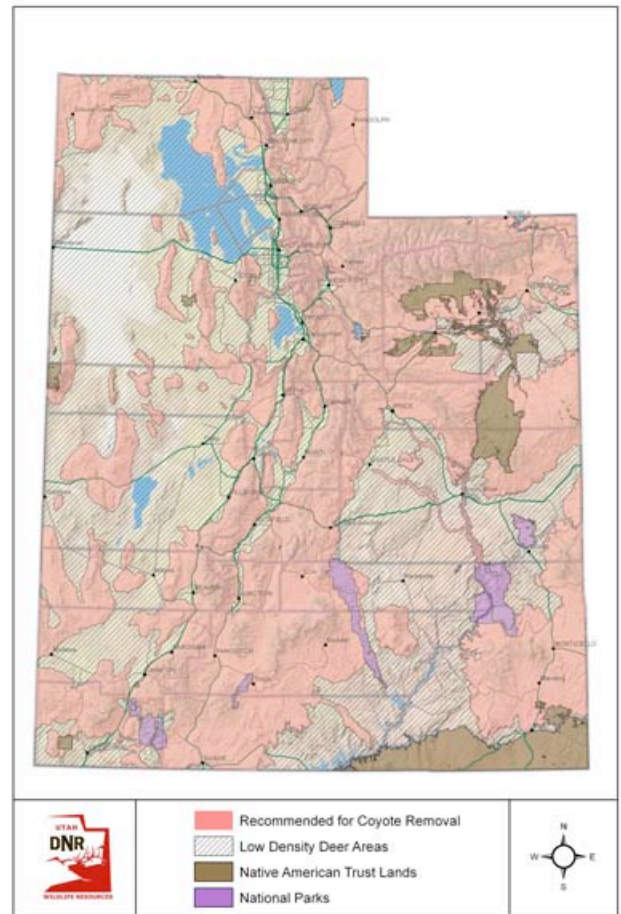
Why location is important in removal efforts

Coyotes primarily kill fawns. Although any coyote taken in Utah can be submitted for compensation, the DWR encourages hunters to focus on deer-fawning grounds and adjacent areas. A statewide map identifies areas where control should be targeted to provide the most benefit to mule deer.

Timing also plays a key role

Coyotes mate during the winter, usually January and February. The most effective control efforts will remove coyotes after pair bonds and territories are set, and before pups are raised. Coyote removal is less effective in late summer. That is when coyotes typically wander and disperse, often dying of natural causes in their attempts to find new territories. To be efficient, coyote control should be targeted to occur at times of year when removals will have the greatest impact on coyote populations. The DWR encourages hunters to remove coyotes from December 1 until the end of June.

For the greatest benefit to mule deer, coyotes should be removed in the recommended locations and season.



Key dates

If you're interested in joining the new program, please keep the following dates in mind:

- July 1, 2012 — You can begin registering for the program.
- Sept. 1, 2012 — Coyote reimbursements will begin after this date.

Submit questions and comments

If you have questions or comments about how the program will work, please send them to PredatorIncentives@utah.gov.

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